

'er' or 'est' Ending?

Complete the sentences by adding either 'er' or 'est' to the adjectives.

1. Jenny is much fast_____ than Susan.
2. Thomas is the tall_____ in the class.
3. My bedroom is clean_____ than my brother's bedroom.
4. This ruler is long_____ than that one.
5. Caroline is the smart_____ girl I know.
6. It's dark_____ at 10pm than at 5pm.
7. I think I am the strong_____ kid in the class.
8. Melons are sweet_____ than apples.
9. I'm old_____ today than I was yesterday.
10. Timmy always has the great_____ ideas.

| Base Word | Suffix 'er' | Suffix 'est' |
|-----------|-------------|--------------|
| bright | | |
| straight | | |
| small | | |
| grey | | |
| slow | | |
| high | | |

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When an adjective ends in the letter 'e', drop the 'e' before adding 'er' or 'est'. Complete these sentences using the word provided.

1. My cat is _____ than your dog. **cute**
2. The sky is _____ than the sea. **blue**
3. My grandma has the _____ habits. **strange**
4. You will get _____ as you get older. **wise**
5. This is the _____ apple I've ever eaten. **ripe**
6. That is the _____ thing you've said. **true**
7. You're even _____ than usual. **late**
8. Francis has the _____ skin. **pale**
9. An elephant's feet are _____ than mine. **large**
10. The lion is the _____ animal. **fierce**

| Base Word | Suffix 'er' | Suffix 'est' |
|-----------|-------------|--------------|
| white | | |
| brave | | |
| nice | | |
| gentle | | |
| loose | | |
| rude | | |

'er' or 'est' Ending?

When a two-syllable adjective ends in 'y', drop the 'y' and add an 'i' before adding the suffix. Complete these sentences:

1. Jenny is the _____ girl in the world. **pretty**
2. My dad makes the _____ jokes. **witty**
3. My pet rat is _____ than my cat. **tiny**
4. I'm _____ when I'm at home. **happy**
5. That man's voice is _____ than mine. **raspy**
6. The box was _____ than all the others. **heavy**
7. That was the _____ cake. **yummy**
8. The orange was _____ than the pear. **sticky**
9. That was the _____ ghost train. **creepy**
10. This branch is the _____! **prickly**

| Base Word | Suffix 'er' | Suffix 'est' |
|-----------|-------------|--------------|
| feisty | | |
| cuddly | | |
| dirty | | |
| dry | | |
| fluffy | | |
| scary | | |

'er' or 'est' Ending?

Remember that for some words we double the end consonant before adding the suffix.
Complete these sentences:

1. It is _____ today than yesterday. **wet**
2. He is the _____ person around. **mad**
3. That is the _____ cat I've ever seen! **big**
4. The road is _____ than the grass. **flat**
5. The weather is _____ today. **hot**
6. Tom is getting _____ every day. **thin**
7. That's the _____ thing I've ever heard. **sad**
8. The diet is making her _____. **slim**
9. The light is getting _____ by the second. **dim**
10. James told us the _____ tale. **grim**

| Base Word | Suffix 'er' | Suffix 'est' |
|-----------|-------------|--------------|
| prim | | |
| snug | | |
| red | | |
| fit | | |
| glib | | |
| fat | | |

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1. Jenny is much **faster** than Susan.
2. Thomas is the **tallest** in the class.
3. My bedroom is **cleaner** than my brother's bedroom.
4. This ruler is **longer** than that one.
5. Caroline is the **smartest** girl I know.
6. It's **darker** at 10pm than at 5pm.
7. I think I am the **strongest** kid in the class.
8. Melons are **sweeter** than apples.
9. I'm **older** today than I was yesterday.
10. Timmy always has the **greatest** ideas.

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|-----------|-------------------|--------------------|
| bright | brighter | brightest |
| straight | straighter | straightest |
| small | smaller | smallest |
| grey | greyer | greyest |
| slow | slower | slowest |
| high | higher | highest |

'er' or 'est' Ending? Answers

When an adjective ends in the letter 'e', drop the 'e' before adding 'er' or 'est'. Complete these sentences using the word provided.

1. My cat is **cuter** than your dog. **cute**
2. The sky is **bluer** than the sea. **blue**
3. My grandma has the **strangest** habits. **strange**
4. You will get **wiser** as you get older. **wise**
5. This is the **ripest** apple I've ever eaten. **ripe**
6. That is the **truest** thing you've said. **true**
7. You're even **later** than usual. **late**
8. Francis has the **palest** skin. **pale**
9. An elephant's feet are **larger** than mine. **large**
10. The lion is the **fiercest** animal. **fierce**

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|-----------|----------------|-----------------|
| white | whiter | whitest |
| brave | braver | bravest |
| nice | nicer | nicest |
| gentle | gentler | gentlest |
| loose | looser | loosest |
| rude | ruder | rudest |

'er' or 'est' Ending? Answers

When a two-syllable adjective ends in 'y', drop the 'y' and add an 'i' before adding the suffix. Complete these sentences:

1. Jenny is the **prettiest** girl in the world. **pretty**
2. My dad makes the **wittiest** jokes. **witty**
3. My pet rat is **tinier** than my cat. **tiny**
4. I'm **happiest** when I'm at home. **happy**
5. That man's voice is **raspier** than mine. **raspy**
6. The box was **heavier** than all the others. **heavy**
7. That was the **yummiest** cake. **yummy**
8. The orange was **stickier** than the pear. **sticky**
9. That was the **creepiest** ghost train. **creepy**
10. This branch is the **prickliest!** **prickly**

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|-----------|-----------------|-------------------|
| feisty | feistier | feisti est |
| cuddly | cuddlier | cuddli est |
| dirty | dirtier | dirti est |
| dry | drier | dri est |
| fluffy | fluffier | fluffi est |
| scary | scarier | scari est |

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Remember that for some words we double the end consonant before adding the suffix. Complete these sentences:

1. It is **wetter** today than yesterday. **wet**
2. He is the **maddest** person around. **mad**
3. That is the **biggest** cat I've ever seen! **big**
4. The road is **flatter** than the grass. **flat**
5. The weather is **hotter** today. **hot**
6. Tom is getting **thinner** every day. **thin**
7. That's the **saddest** thing I've ever heard. **sad**
8. The diet is making her **slimmer**. **slim**
9. The light is getting **dimmer** by the second. **dim**
10. James told us the **grimmiest** tale. **grim**

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|-----------|----------------|-----------------|
| prim | primmer | primmest |
| snug | snugger | snuggest |
| red | redder | reddest |
| fit | fitter | fittest |
| glib | glibber | glibbest |
| fat | fatter | fattest |